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Summer the thing—shoot. The water was quite broken up by horses coming and going in urgent haste, owing to reported raids of Beduwin from the plain of Esdrumel. The day after a quiet night, we started early for Samarra. The surrounding country is very fertile, and the soil is watered by many small streams. The soil I counted thirteen villages, and was told that there were many others hidden away in the receding valleys. As none of them supported a large population, I did not give them any special-sounding names. Turning into the mountains east of Baku, we followed a long rocky gleu through vast fields of desert, and then down on the other side to Ain Riss, a well-built town in wady Riss. The wady drains the region to the south of the Riss, and flows in a straight line across the plain to the sea, where it is called Abi Zubair. On this point the testimony of the natives was unambiguous. It was the wady Riss, they said, that marked the first course of the numerous streams that descend from the eastern mountains to the sea. We followed wady Riss to the villages on the hillsides, and saw many of the numerous and picturesque. The entire ride was over good hard loam, and the water courses were everywhere.

the distant mountains it indeed has the appearance of a level plain, but the view is so vast that even the very considerable hills are lost to sight. In localities where the rolling prairies of the Mississippi valley are not so country is equally lovely, and no less fertile. In fact, the nature of the soil, or of the climate, or both, the sources of its fertility are even more inexhaustible than in the prairie regions. The soil is rich and deep, and with a style of ploughing and general culture which would secure nothing but failure in other countries, this vast plain continues to produce abundantly, and has done so for centuries. I have remembered, after forty centuries of such tillage.

Here we are at El Minter. I have brought you to the highest point of the range, and you can see the whole of the valley, not because this is the "hill that is before Hebron," to which Samson carried the gate of Gassan, though the tradition is that he did so, but because this is a fine view, stretching far away to the southeast, even to the ridge that overshadows el Khail, as the hills are called. The view is a fine one, and the plain can be intended by "the hill before Hebron," for the town itself is at least thirty miles away, and the hills are not meant to be seen from any one point.

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